

Success Story

Saydel High School (Saydel CSD)
Bottle Filling Stations Save Time
2014-15 School Year

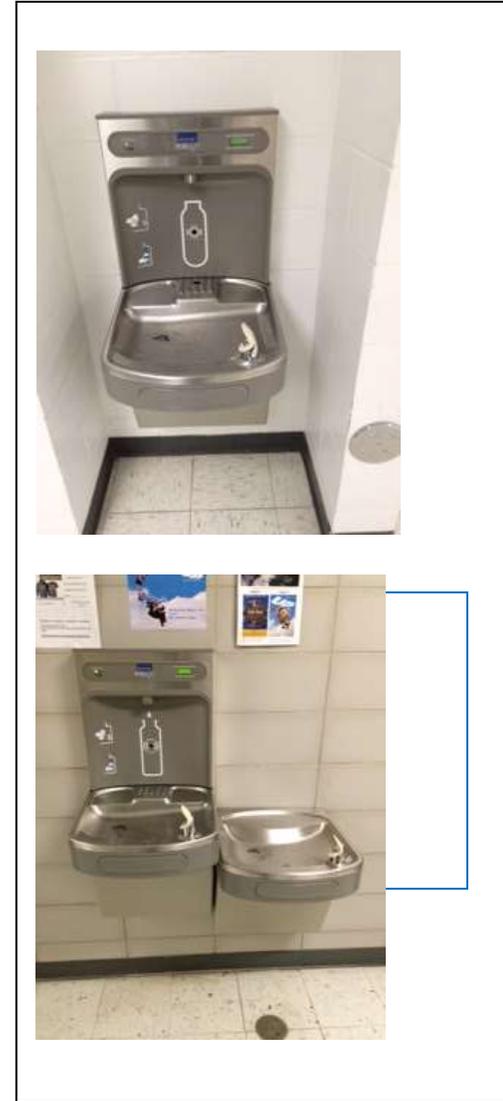


Summary

The Saydel High School received grant funding to increase water availability. This funding was used to purchase a bi-level water cooler with bottle filling station plus two retro-fit bottle filling stations. Additional funds were used to purchase replacement filters for the bottle filling stations.

Success Strategies

The water coolers with bottle fillers were placed in areas that are high traffic locations. The bi-level was placed near the band and vocal rooms. The retro-fit bottle fillers were placed in hallways adjacent to the gymnasium. Not only are they high traffic areas but hydration is critical in those classrooms. These were installed during spring break and the bi-level bottle filler has already saved 1412 plastic bottles from the landfill!



Challenges

With older schools and older plumbing, there can be challenges with installation. Our supervisor of Buildings and Grounds has experience with plumbing and everything was able to work. Students and staff are excited to have them installed and have been utilizing them often!

Results

The installation of bottle filling stations improved the water quality for our students and staff and made it easier to fill water bottles and bottles to the top. The purchase and placement of the stations generated positive responses from teachers and students:

Students:

- Water is colder and fresher
- I love them!
- We can actually fill our water bottles to the top
- I feel like we are getting cleaner water

Teachers:

- We love them! The students do too!
- It has reduced lines at the drinking fountains and students seem overall positive about them. I use them and really like it. They fill up much faster than the regular spouts.
- I love having the bottle fillers. It saves me from having to purchase new water bottles each day; because it was time consuming to fill bottles from the old water systems. The filler by the choir and band room really seems to speed up trips to the drinking fountain and has created less clutter and gathering around the fountain. A very positive addition so far.

- The water bottle fillers are a wonderful asset to our building.
- I love it! The kids love it and I have heard the AEA say they love them. Also I like how they tell how many bottles have been filled/saved!
- My students love them! I just used it today for the first time and see what they are raving about. :)
- Love them!!!! They fill up bottles quickly, the kids have stopped turning the faucets, and they are used quiet often!
- I love it! It's convenient, easy, and it's really going to help during marching band season, when the kids are filling up their gigantic coolers of water. Thanks!

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Future Directions

There is potential for more bottle filler stations to be placed. The school district will continue to promote hydration with the students. The next step would be purchasing water bottles for all students to use during the school day.

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